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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

August 4, 2016

President Barack H. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Ms. Regina McCarthy, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Mr. H. Curtis Spalding, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear President Obama, Administrator McCarthy, and Regional Administrator Spalding:

This letter provides notice that, on behalf of the people of the State of New York, and with the full support of more than twenty-five Federal, State, and local elected officials signing onto this letter, I intend to initiate legal action against United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging any final rule designating permanent disposal sites in eastern Long Island Sound, and the State will additionally seek to enjoin any further dumping in eastern Long Island Sound that may be permitted pursuant to the final rule.

As prior comments and correspondence submitted by New York State have made clear, the State has for decades opposed the unabated dumping of dredged materials in Long Island Sound, and specifically objects to the designation of any additional permanent disposal sites in Long Island Sound. In keeping with the State's past positions, I will not accede to any plan that includes the disposal of this material in the eastern portion of Long Island Sound.

In joint comments submitted on July 18, 2016, the New York State Department of State and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation laid out the State's concerns with the EPA's proposed designations. Chief among these concerns is that that designation of an eastern Long Island Sound disposal site is not necessary, and may further impede progress

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toward the stated goal to reduce or eliminate open water disposal in the Long Island Sound, a fundamental component of the rule. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are incorrectly seeking to justify an eastern Long Island Sound dredged material disposal site based on the assertion that there is inadequate capacity at the Western Long Island Sound, Central Long Island Sound and Rhode Island Sound disposal sites. New York State's review of these estimates demonstrates that this conclusion is wrong.

If EPA ignores New York's objections and finalizes its rule to permanently designate an open water disposal site in eastern Long Island Sound, I will take all necessary steps to challenge the rule and stop it from being implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

NEW YORK STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY'S DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The following duly elected officials of the State of New York concur in the letter of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
dated August 4, 2016



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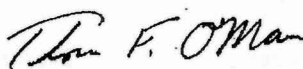
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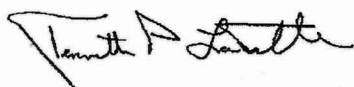
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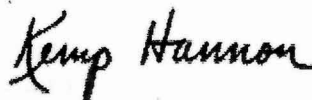
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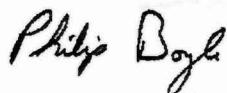
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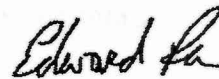
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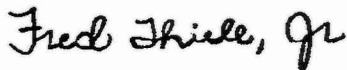
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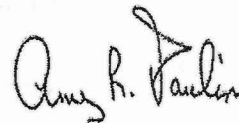
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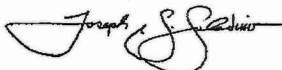
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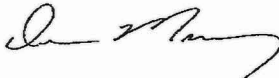
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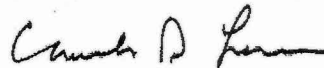
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